

June 2, 2005

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO LICENSED AIRCRAFT FUEL DISTRIBUTORS, CERTIFIED USERS, AND AIRCRAFT REFUND PERMIT HOLDERS

INCREASE IN AIRCRAFT FUEL TAX RATE CHANGES IN AIRCRAFT FUEL TAX LAWS

Effective July 1, 2005, the Washington State aircraft fuel tax rate will increase to eleven (11) cents per gallon as a result of Substitute Senate Bill 5414 passed by the 2005 Legislature.

This bill also changes the definition of an air carrier subject to the tax exemption contained in Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 82.42.030(1)(a). In order to claim a tax exemption an air carrier **must** meet the following criteria:

- Have a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued under part 121 of the Federal Aviation Administration Regulations.
- Provide routine air service to the general public for compensation or hire, operate at least fifteen (15) round trips per week between two (2) or more points, and publish flight schedules which specify the times, days of the week, and points between which it operates.

Licensed aircraft fuel distributors selling tax-free aircraft fuel directly into the wing tanks of an air carrier must maintain a copy of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity issued under part 121 of the Federal Aviation Administration Regulations. You must also maintain a certification statement from the air carrier as contained in the attached notice.

Certified users of aircraft fuel (able to purchase tax-free aircraft fuel into bulk storage for subsequent tax-free use in your own airplane) will be sent a new application that must be completed and returned to the department by June 30, 2005.

Aircraft fuel tax refund permit holders will be sent a new application to complete and return to the department by June 30, 2005. As a result of this tax increase, all aircraft fuel tax refund permit holders must submit two (2) refund claim forms, one for the time period through June 30, 2005 and one for the time period July 1, 2005 and after.

If you are an aircraft fuel distributor or a certified user and have questions, please call the Distributor Unit at (360) 664-1852.

If you have an aircraft fuel tax refund permit and have questions, please contact the Refund Unit at (360) 664-1838.

*The Department of Licensing has a policy of providing equal access to its services.
If you need special accommodation, please call (360) 902-3600 or TTY (360) 664-8885.*